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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATION ATTEMPT
1. (U) LOCAL MEDIA NOVEMBER 4 REPORTED LANDING BY THREE ARMED NORTH KOREAN AGENTS NOVEMBER 3 ON A SMALL ISLAND OFF THE SOUTH KOREAN COAST IN SOUTH CHOLLA PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO A ROK COUNTERESPIONAGE OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN, RESIDENTS OF HOENGGAN DO (34 14N - 126 37E) SPOTTED THE THREE AGENTS APPROACHING THE ISLAND BY BOAT ABOUT 2 P.M. LOCAL TIME. UPON BEING NOTIFIED OF THE INFILTRATION ATTEMPT, ROK AUTHORITIES MOUNTED A JOINT MILITARY, POLICE AND HOMELAND DEFENSE FORCE OPERATION TO CAPTURE THE AGENTS. THE REPORT STATED THAT SIXTEEN ITEMS WERE ABANDONED BY THE INFILTRATORS, INCLUDING HAND GRENADES, AMMUNITION, DAGGERS AND RADIO RECEIVERS.
2. (C) COMUSKOREA 031300Z NOV 80 AND COMUSKOREA 032331Z NOV 80 CONTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON THE INCIDENT. DAO REPORTS THAT ROK MILITARY FORCES RESUMED EFFORTS AT DAWN
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ON NOVEMBER 4 TO LOCATE INFILTRATORS. TWO OF THE AGENTS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES, WHO ARE SEARCHING FOR THE REMAINING INFILTRATOR. GLEYSTEEN
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